MYSTERY PUBLICITY PHOTO SPECIAL

We're baffled by not just one, but two photographs this month, both of which have sadly become detached from their explanatory documentation.

The first shows a portable computer with a credit card-sized modem sticking out of the side. But wouldn't it snap off if it brushed against someone's legs on the train, or if one accidentally put a cup of coffee down on it? And why does the world appear to be ending in the background?

The second shows another computer, this time with what looks like an unusually complicated mouse plugged into it. While we've yet to try one out, we'd hesitate to recommend this item to players of, for example, *Zeewolf,* because it looks rather bulky, and *Zeewolf* is unfeasibly difficult enough with an ordinary mouse.

ANOTHER FOOTBALL MANAGEMENT GAME

We tried to raise a ragged hurrah when the latest football management simulation fell through the letterbox onto our "Get Lost" doormat, but as only Steve and Paul like them, and as it looks very text heavy, and as it joins the twenty or so other footy manny sims already out there, we couldn't. In its favour though, *The Game* (a provisional title) promises to be very comprehensive. The version we saw certainly had incredible detail on each individual player and there are over 5,000 players rated. Cor.

Lots of stats. Good.

The Game promises a unique 'kick-by-kick' system for working out all its match results, supposedly providing more accurate game results, plus all the usual features. It will also be fully editable, enabling you to include all your friends in your chosen team. It will work on all Amigas and should be published by Black Legend in early '95. (We've a special feature on football management games for next month, incidentally.)

GOING UNDERGROUND

"Worms," whispered Team 17 to us several months ago, winking knowingly. We thought nothing of it, putting it down to their zany eccentricity.

And then, just the other day, a sheet of paper arrived headed 'Worms'. *Worms,* as it turns out, is a game due for release in April. And it's billed as a cross between *Lemmings* and *Cannon Fodder,* which seems to be a recurring theme this month (see page 16). The *Cannon Fodder* bit is because you've got platoons of worms wriggling about shooting each other, and *Lemmings* because you can give them special abilities like dynamite, grenades and tunnelling equipment. Up to four people can play at once, which sounds handy, or 16 with a bit of networking.

Other 'worm' games we can think of include *Wriggler,* a Spectrum maze game by Romantic Robot, and *Fat Worm Blows a Sparky,* by Durrell, also on the Spectrum. (And Jonathan Nash reminds us of *Worm,* a Sinclair Programs type-in later sold commercially by K-Tel as part of a compilation.) (Oh, and *Earthworm Jim* which our console playing friends seem to

Worms. Or snowmen. There's no way of knowing for sure.

TOP TWENTY CHARTS TOP TWENTY

1. **PREMIER MANAGER 3**
Gremlin £26 ★★★★
2. **FOOTBALL GLORY**
Black Legend £30 ★★★
3. **MICRO MACHINES**
Codemasters £26 ★★★★
4. **MORTAL KOMBAT**
Virgin £30 ★★★★★
5. **ALIEN BREED: TOWER ASSAULT**
Team 17 £20 ★★
6. **KICK OFF 3**
Anco £30 ★★
7. **WINTER OLYMPICS**
U.S. Gold £26 ★
8. **BEAU JOLLY COMPILATION**
Beau Jolly £30 ★★★★
9. **SKIDMARKS**
Acid £25 ★★★★
10. **INTERNATIONAL SENSIBLE SOCCER**
Renegade £20 ★★★★★
11. **RUFF 'N' TUMBLE**
Renegade £26 ★★★★
12. **CANNON FODDER**
Virgin £30 ★★★★★
13. **CIVILIZATION MICROPROSE**
£35 ★★★★★
14. **FRONTIER: ELITE 2**
Gametek £35 ★★★
15. **ON THE BALL: WORLD CUP EDITION**
Ascon Sports £30 ★★★★★
16. **SOCCER KID**
Krisalis £30 ★★★★★
17. **FIELDS OF GLORY**
Microprose £30 ★★
18. **CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER '93**
Domark £26 ★★★★
19. **WORLD CUP USA '94**
U.S. Gold £26 ★
20. **PREMIER MANAGER 2**
Gremlin £26 ★★★★

TOP FIVE BUDGET CHARTS TOP FIVE BUDGET

1. **CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER: '94 SEASON**
Domark £20 ★★★
2. **MONKEY ISLAND 2**
Kixx £17 ★★★★★
3. **CHAMPIONSHIP MANAGER: END OF SEASON**
Domark £15 ★★★★
4. **ASSASSIN: SPECIAL EDITION**
Team 17 £10 ★★★★
5. **CORKER'S COMPILATION**
Core £10

TOP FIVE CD32 CHARTS TOP FIVE CD32

1. **RISE OF THE ROBOTS**
Mirage/Time Warner £43 ★
2. **ARCADE POOL**
Team 17 £10 ★★★★★
3. **PUTTY SQUAD**
System 3 £30 ★★★★★
4. **GUARDIAN**
Acid £30 ★★★★★
4. **UFO: ENEMY UNKNOWN**
Microprose £30 ★★★★

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